

# New Hampshire

Department of  
Health and Human  
Services

# Fact Sheet

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## THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

*at the Department of Health and Human Services*

*Office of Family Services - Division for Children, Youth and Families*

The Child Development Bureau is responsible for the management and coordination of child care services in the Department of Health and Human Services, and for initiating inter-agency and community-based activities to enhance early care and educational services and programs which promote healthy child development. The Child Development Bureau is responsible for the administration of the following primary program areas:

1. **Management of subsidized child care services for employment support.**

Child care payments through agency agreements and reimbursement to family and center-based child care providers serving TANF clients and other income-eligible families in training, education or employment activities.

2. **Administration of the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF).**

The purpose of the fund is to enhance the quality, affordability and supply of child care available for all families in New Hampshire.

3. **Provision of funding for activities that will promote access to safe and healthy learning environments for young children through allocation of CCDF and State general fund dollars:**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Child Development Bureau is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and their families by:*

- *enhancing the quality, affordability and accessibility of developmentally appropriate services;*
- *promoting community based programs which encourage healthy growth and development; and*
- *coordinating childcare business operations, education and communication to support responsive customer service for childcare providers, parents and department staff.*

- Funding for child care services through NH Department of Health and Human Services.
- Training and support activities for early care and education providers.
- Child care resources and referral services
- School-age child care services
- Consumer education and public awareness
- Child care professional development initiatives to promote quality

- Statewide data collection
- Health and safety training
- Tuition assistance for early childhood courses.
- Program support and technical assistance.
- Health nurse consultants for contracted child care.

4. **Administration of New Hampshire Early Childhood Credentials.**

Applicants submit documentation of their professional development using the NH Early Childhood Career Lattice and the Bureau prepares the credentials.

5. **Head Start Collaboration.**

The goal of the Head Start Collaboration is to support the development of comprehensive early childhood services (prenatal to 5 years) for low-income families. The project seeks to foster partnerships across programs for expansion and coordination between Head Start and Child Care Programs, to integrate existing systems.